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**Location(s):** **Rockton, IL, United States**

**NOC Number:** **NOC 0855-21 [Chemical Plant Fire - Rockton, IL]**

The fire at the Chemtool Inc. plant in Rockton, Illinois, has been contained, a Rockton fire official announced Wednesday in a news conference.

Despite the containment, the evacuation order remains in effect, a senior Rockton fire official said.

The mandatory one-mile evacuation area around the site, as well as a mask wearing request, is due to concerns about "particulate matter that can become pulmonary irritants," especially to those with compromised immune systems, a public health administrator for Winnebago County said.

About 150 homes are in the evacuation zone.

The Rockton Fire Department said fire operations and suppression at the facility are still underway and ongoing. In addition to the fire being contained "the hazardous materials are contained at this point." There has not been any release of toxins in the waterways and water system in Rockton.

The burn-off at the plant is expected to take several days. More than 40 agencies and 150 to 175 fire personnel are on the scene. Monday night one firefighter was hospitalized with breathing difficulties.

The cause of the "catastrophic incident" has not been determined.

**Traditional Media Sources**

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